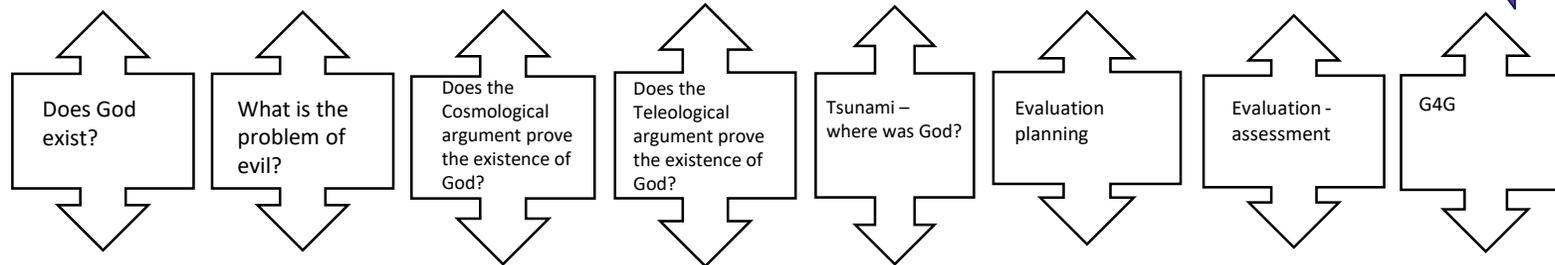
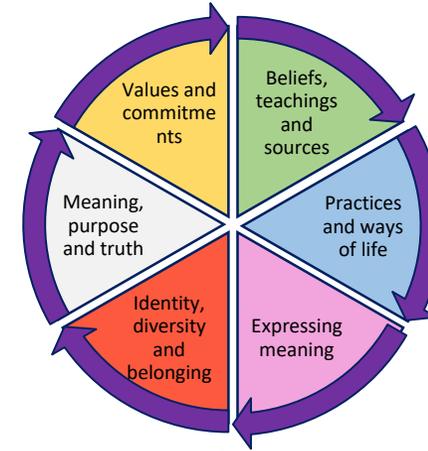


# The big picture – Can God exist?



**Quizlet**

Vocabulary

Atheist

Theist  
Omniscient

Agnostic  
Omnipresent

Problem of Evil  
Teleological Argument

Suffering  
Faith

Moral Evil  
Cosmological Argument

Natural Evil

Omnibenevolent  
Test of Faith

Omnipotent  
Story of Job

# The Big Question: Does God Exist?

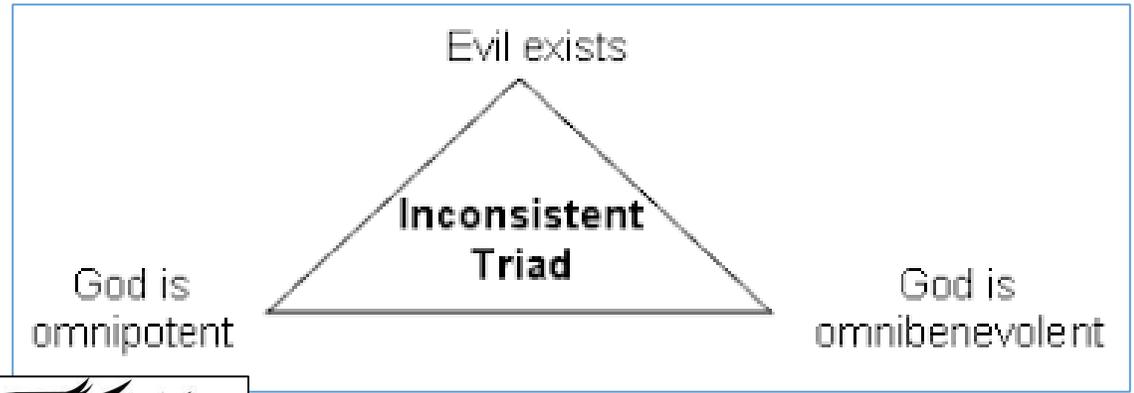


## The Problem of evil

God is Omnipotent- could stop evil  
God is Omnibenevolent- wants to stop evil.

- So why does evil exist? Either God is not all-powerful or God is not all-loving.
- Or perhaps God doesn't exist?

**Moral evil:** Evil and suffering arising from human actions and free will.  
**Natural evil:** Evil and suffering occurring naturally. E.G illness, natural disasters.  
**Natural evil brings the existence of God into question.**



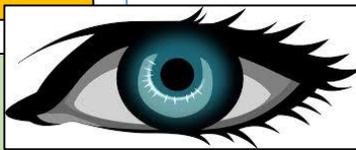
## Cosmological Argument (The Causation argument)

*Thomas Aquinas* argued that everything in the universe has a cause (just like falling dominoes!). However, we cannot have infinite regression. This means that there must be a first cause- this can only be God.



## Teleological Argument (Design argument)

*William Paley* argued that everywhere in the world we can see evidence of intelligent design. If you found a watch on the floor, you could conclude that it must have been designed for purpose by a watch maker in order to tell the time.  
When you look at a human eye- it too has been designed for a purpose. The designer can only be God.



## Ontological Argument (Morality Argument)

*Immanuel Kant* argues that common "moral values" exist- regardless of upbringing, location or culture (e.g it is wrong to murder).  
These common moral values must have been given to us by God.

**Tsunami: Where was God?**